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SUBJECT: AID TO INDIA: HFAC REPORT

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MIKE VAN DUSEN THAT HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH MADE PUBLIC OCTOBER 25 CONTAINS LANGUAGE REGARDING PROPOSED REDUCTION OF AID TO INDIA FROM 75 MILLION DOLLARS TO 50 MILLION, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: IN APPROVING THE 50 MILLION DOLLAR CEILING, THE COMMITTEE REDUCED ITS PROPOSED AID TO INDIA BY 25.6 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS REDUCTION WOULD REFLECT THE COMMITTEE'S CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN INDIA MAY 18, 1974. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR DEVICES BY INDIA MIGHT AFFECT ADVERSELY ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND LEAD TO FURTHER GLOBAL INSTABILITY. IN ADDITION, THE DIVERSION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT INDIA'S PRIORITY AT A TIME WHEN MASS FAMINE THREATENS THAT COUNTRY. END QUOTE.

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